

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING  
FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

<b>AGENCY:</b>	District of Columbia Public Schools
<b>CAPTION:</b>	Office of Data and Strategy
<b>PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:</b>	School Performance Analytic Support
<b>CONTRACT NO.</b>	Tembo
	TBD

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Code 2-354.04.5 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1702

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

DCPS seeks support in data analysis and the development of tools, a web-based dashboard, and PDF data reports.

**3. ESTIMATED COST:**

The estimated cost is \$179,000 from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

**3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Data and Strategy recommends partnering with David Stewart, Tembo Consulting to continue analysis of assessment data and data pertinent to school performance scorecards.

**Background and history of this vendor with DCPS**

For the past 6 years, DCPS has been providing data tools to our schools to enable them to better dive into the data that is relevant for their school and to empower them to use that data to drive decision-making. Currently the suite of tools we share with Principals and Chiefs have been developed by the vendor David Stewart. These tools have been specifically developed off of the data from the DC state standardized test (CAS) and they are customized to contain the filters and views that our schools specifically requested. While the data in the reports and tools belongs to DCPS, the code and infrastructure the vendor created to produce these reports and tools is owned by the vendor.

In SY 15-16, DCPS will be shifting to a new state assessment called PARCC. This shift is significant and will impact the type of reporting and support DCPS needs around assessments and analytics. The full scope of this change is still being determined by the PARCC and the OSSE (because this is a nationwide shift OSSE is overseeing this work) but what we do know is that the level of support DCPS will need around assessments will change and the tools our schools need will change.

**The Proposed Vendor’s Unique Qualifications:**

David Stewart of Tembo Consulting is an expert who has worked on DCPS School Scorecard since 2009. Prior to working with the District, he has worked on similar projects in other urban districts undergoing major education reform efforts. He has strong experience in these areas and is sought to provide analysis of assessment data and data pertinent to school performance scorecards.

In addition to his extensive work on New York’s Progress Reports, Mr. Stewart was the Vice President of Product Development and Research for The Grow Network/McGraw-Hill where he led all phases of product development process, including discovery, business case development, field testing and the development of functional requirements. He has also served as the Associate Vice President and Senior Project Director for The Princeton Review. During this time he oversaw the implementation of comprehensive programs in the School District of Philadelphia, the Los Angeles Unified School District and in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Mr. Stewart has an M.S. in Statistics, Measurement, Assessment and Research Technology from the University of Pennsylvania (2004) and has completed 15 units in Measurement and Evaluation from Columbia University’s Teachers College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Occidental College (1992). Mr. Stewart has also published *Cracking the SAT II: Spanish* and *Cracking the Regents: Spanish*.

In light of the above findings a sole source award is in the best interest of DCPS and would be the most efficient and cost-effective procurement method.

**CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPS PROGRAM OFFICE:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and the anticipated cost to DCPS is fair and reasonable.

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Date

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Office of Data and Strategy

**CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION**

Based on the above certified findings in accordance cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; DC Code 2-354 and 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702.

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Date

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Chief Procurement Officer